

California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley
Strategic Action Proposal

Summary of Major Recommendations and Strategic Actions
(For Consideration by the Board on September 14-15, 2006)

	Recommendation	Strategic Actions	Indicators
1.	Grow a Diversified, Globally-Competitive Economy Supported by a Highly-Skilled Workforce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Align region-wide economic development efforts in support of target industry clusters: (1) Agribusiness, including Food Processing, Agricultural Technology, and Biotechnology; (2) Manufacturing; (3) Supply Chain Management and Logistics; (4) Health and Medical Care; and (5) Renewable Energy. ▪ Identify and implement strategies and mechanisms for investments in infrastructure and incentives that support the economic vitality of the region. ▪ Create a dynamic, entrepreneur-producing economic climate. ▪ Accelerate the deployment and adoption of renewable and clean energy, including biofuels. ▪ Develop a coordinated, integrated program to promote tourism linked to rest stops, state parks and other destinations. ▪ Create a demand-driven workforce system including high quality vocational training and academic education that supports target clusters. ▪ Expedite access to and use of advanced communication services (ACS) and information technology in all communities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↑ Per Capita and Median Household Income ↓ Unemployment ↓ Percent Families Below Poverty Line ↑ Agricultural Production and Crop Value ↑ Job Growth in Target Industries ↑ New Business Start-Ups ↑ Venture Capital Investments ↑ Issuance and Licensing of Patents ↑ Tourism Spending ↑ Enrollment In and Completion of Training/Education Beyond High School ↑ College Graduation Rates ↑ Education Attainment ↑ Access To and Use of ACS

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2.	Create a Model K-12 Public Education System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Implement an alternative accountability model for low performing schools and school districts. ▪ Implement a program to ensure all children are able to read at or above grade levels, with a focus on proficiency by third grade. ▪ Implement a target intervention program for low performing schools. ▪ Increase the number and benefit of community and family resource centers. ▪ Implement an executive leadership academy for educators. ▪ Achieve funding equalization between state averages and County Offices of Education and School Districts. ▪ Implement a computer literacy initiative for K-12 students aligned with community college curriculum ▪ Develop a college-going culture. ▪ Implement programs to reduce substance abuse, including voluntary drug testing. ▪ Promote quality school choice within the public school system. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↑ Reading Proficiency At or Above Grade Levels ↑ Computer Literacy Rates ↑ High School Graduation Rates ↓ High School Drop Out Rates ↑ College Bound Rate ↑ School-to-Career Preparedness ↓ Juvenile Drug- and Alcohol-Related Arrests ↓ Number of Low-Performing Schools

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3.	Implement an Integrated Framework for Sustainable Growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Create a strategy for growth and conservation to 2050 through the Regional Blueprint Planning process. ▪ Encourage and support adoption of local General Plans consistent with Regional Blueprint Plan. ▪ Establish and implement conservation plans for productive agriculture lands and important natural resources and parks. ▪ Develop a long-range plan enhancing the vitality and sustainability of agriculture. ▪ Plan for and build housing to meet the needs of the region's population. ▪ Establish and implement an energy plan to optimize efficiencies and use of renewables for all sectors. ▪ Support the development and implementation of a balanced, comprehensive, integrated regional water plan and basin plans that optimize management and other efficiencies. ▪ Expand surface storage and conjunctive use programs. ▪ Enhance surface and groundwater quality to meet beneficial uses. ▪ Strengthen flood control and levee protection. ▪ Implement resource restoration projects for wetlands and rivers, with special attention to the San Joaquin River as a defining and unifying natural heritage for the region. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↑ Land Use Efficiency → Acres in Agricultural Production ↑ Open Space and Access to Public Land ↑ State Parks ↑ Housing Affordability ↑ Water Supply Reliability, Quality, and Efficiency ↑ Flood Protection ↓ Per Capita and Median Household Energy Use ↑ Percentage of Energy from Solar and Other Renewable Sources ↑ Environmental Restoration

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4.	Build a 21st Century Transportation Mobility System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Implement the 99 Corridor Master Plan, including the Business Plan and Enhancement Plan elements, as a foundational strategy for economic development in the region. ▪ Implement transportation projects that support the regional land use strategy and improve mobility including east-west corridors and other projects of regional significance. ▪ Implement a plan to facilitate goods movement in the region. ▪ Develop a sustainable multi-modal system. ▪ Develop model roadside rest areas using the GreenStop[®] prototype. ▪ Develop a plan for airport facilities and services. ▪ Assure that any state high-speed rail system, if implemented, meets the needs of the region and helps achieve economic development goals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↑ Through-Put and Velocity ↑ Roadway Conditions ↓ Vehicle Hours of Delay ↑ Transit Availability ↑ Goods Movement Productivity ↑ Safety ↑ Roadway Enhancements
5.	Attain Clean Air Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Implement a comprehensive strategic plan to achieve air quality compliance by 2013 or as soon as feasible. ▪ Eliminate institutional constraints to air quality improvement. ▪ Encourage EPA adoption of tighter federal emission control standards. ▪ Expand or create new incentive mechanisms to accelerate technology adoption. ▪ Facilitate the development and use of clean energy. ▪ Improve efficiency of goods and people movement. ▪ Encourage green development in the public and private sectors. ▪ Accelerate research of critical emissions. ▪ Improve public education. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↓ Ozone Precursors ↓ Particulate Matter ↑ Use of Clean Energy ↑ Use of Clean Fuels ↓ Attributable Mortality Rates ↓ Asthma Rates ↓ Number of Days with 8-Hour Ozone Exceedances

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6.	Develop High-Quality Health and Human Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Improve workforce development and retention by providing incentives for difficult-to-recruit health and medical professionals. ▪ Establish a Central Valley Nursing Education Consortium. ▪ Establish a School of Medical Education at UC Merced connected to a network of health and medical facilities throughout the region. ▪ Develop mechanisms for counties to share technical and professional resources related to communicable disease case management. ▪ Support regional disease prevention and health promotion services. ▪ Develop and implement a regional plan to address the needs of the uninsured. ▪ Support and expand pro-active foster care prevention services. ▪ Develop and implement a pilot program for relative placement services. ▪ Develop and implement a methamphetamine law enforcement and prevention campaign. ▪ Support the development of outpatient and resident substance abuse treatment facilities. ▪ Facilitate the use of e-health tools and telemedicine technology to improve access to state-of-the-art healthcare and medical services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↑ Access to Primary Care Physicians and Allied Health Professionals ↑ Primary Health and Wellness ↓ Asthma Rates ↓ Uninsured ↓ Drug-Related Convictions ↓ Caseloads for Children and Adults Requiring Welfare Services ↑ Relative Placements for Foster Care ↓ Foster Care Time to Permanence